

MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE.

MOTTO—LIVE FOR OUR FRIENDS—DO THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF GOOD WE CAN TO THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

First Year.

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IMPROVEMENTS.

Our Town Needs to Make It Abreast of the Times.

A FEW MORE TIMELY SUGGESTIONS.

In last week's issue we mentioned a number of the advantages and some of the needs of our city. This week we take up the subject again.

Barbourville has a local Telephone exchange which puts us all in close connection one with another, as almost every business house and most of the residences are connected by telephone, making it quite convenient in many ways and is a luxury that seems almost indispensable once the phone is introduced in the home or place of business.

The county jail appears to be a small and inconvenient affair. although we have never been through the building, it appears to be insufficient to meet the demands of this county.

It is unfortunate for anyone to be confined in prison, and when they are thus confined, it should be in a well lighted and well ventilated room, where the health of the prisoners would not be impaired, as that is not the intention of the law to deprive a prisoner of health by confinement but to deprive them of their liberty and to keep them safe where they will be under the direction of the officers of the Court.

We mentioned last week the educational advantages that our town possesses, but we believe they could also be improved. We learn that the Public School only teaches the primary grades and then the children are compelled to either stop there or go to the Colleges of our town or elsewhere in order to complete their education.

We hope to see the Board of Education take up this matter and arrange to have the High School branches taught in the free school which would then place the educational advantages of Barbourville on a par with cities in the more favored parts of the state.

The Colleges would not be the loser by the change as it would better prepare the pupils to enter College, and as a result the money spent in college would make a far better showing in the Academic and Collegiate branches instead of wasting precious time in the primary department of the colleges that should be spent in the graded public school.

In regard to the Court House, there have been suggestions offered that in building a new one, a different location be selected on which to build.

That should not be done for many reasons, a few of which we will mention.

In the first place the present site is a good one and centrally located, and all the property owners facing on the square would be damaged by the property depreciating in value should the site be changed and the new Court House be erected elsewhere. Again, there is no other point in the town that is so accessible for all purposes as the one now occupied by the old Court House, and it would inconvenience a great many people to make the change.

The proper thing to do as we see it would be to tear down the old Court House and the brick could be used in the erection of the new building, and would be worth several hundred dollars in that way.

The new building should be located upon the present site, but should be larger; the foundation should be built several inches higher than the old one; a large basement should be under the entire building and the first floor arranged for offices for the various County officers, with necessary vaults for keeping the records and valuable papers in the hands of the officers of the county.

The second floor should be arranged for the Circuit Court chamber and jury rooms attached and the entire building should be heated from a furnace in the basement. This would make, if properly planned and built, one of the most convenient, as well as modern structures that could be arranged.

Then when the building is completed, build a strong substantial retaining wall on the lower side and fill in the yard, making an even and uniform grade and leaving a nice, wide street extending entirely around the Court House; the entire yard after grading, should be laid out in nice concrete walks and the remainder of the yard should be nicely coated in the native Kentucky bluegrass.

With such an improvement as this on the old Court Square, it would be something that every citizen of the county would feel proud of, and would not incur a heavy expense upon anyone to make the needed improvements.

We hope to see these matters taken up and pushed to a conclusion by the proper authorities and we now promise to do all in our power, in an honorable way, to improve and build up our town and county.

NOTICE.

To The Republican County Committee Elect.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Court House in Barbourville, Ky., on Saturday, April 16th 1904, at 1 O'clock, p. m., for the purpose of naming the time and manner of nominating Republican candidates, for the various county offices to be voted for at the regular November election in 1905, and each of you are especially requested to be present at said meeting.

Respectfully,

W. W. BYRLEY, Chairman.

To Prospective Candidates.

To all who expect to become candidates for the Republican nomination for any of the various county offices to be voted for at the regular November election in 1905. You and each of you are invited to be present at the meeting of the Republican county Committee on the 16th day of April, 1904, at 1 O'clock p. m., at the Court House, in Barbourville, Ky., when the time and manner of making said nominations will be determined, as the Committee will be governed largely by the wishes of the majority of said candidates as to the time and manner of making said nominations.

Respectfully,

THE COMMITTEE,

by W. W. BYRLEY, Ch'm.

To a College Paper.

Henry T. Myers, eldest son of Rev T. M. Myers, is a student of Kentucky University. He has been elected editor of the Transylvanian for the K. U. This is one of the oldest college papers in America, and was edited by his father thirty-two years ago. He was selected from a group of about one thousand students.

PERJURY.

A. C. Adams One of The Alibi Witnesses in Curtis Jett's Trial Confesses that he Swore a Lie.

Claims His Life Was Threatened if he Refused to Testify to Save Jett.

MORE LIGHT TURNED ON METHODS OF BLOODY BREATHITT.

A sensation was caused in the Circuit court room in Cynthiana last Tuesday when A. C. Adams, one of the Jett alibi witnesses who was being tried for perjury entered a plea of guilty, and was sentenced to one year the penitentiary.

In making his confession, Adams made statements which sustain the theory to which the prosecution has always clung, that Jett killed J. B. Marcum, at the command of men powerful in Breathitt county affairs, and that the same power was executed to procure witnesses to make an alibi for him.

When the case was called, Judge Blanton who was one of the attorneys for Jett and White in their trial upon the charge of the murder of J. B. Marcum and who defened Jett alone when he was tried at Cynthiana and sentenced to death for the murder of James Cockrill, entered a plea of guilty and the defendant asked permission to address the jury, which was granted.

Adams said in part: "I swore that I saw Jett outside the court house when Marcum was assassinated because I knew that I would be murdered if I did not."

"I was at the mercy of a band of assassins, who have killed many men. George Bowling came to me at night and said Jett had killed Marcum through the influence of Edward Callahan and others, and I must help them or be killed."

"I at first refused, and Bowling came back a second time with a note from attorney B. F. French. French later came to my home, and I said I would leave. French said I dare not, and if I would accept a bribe, all right, if not I would go like Marcum did."

"French said I knew of his feud in Perry county, and he could get men to kill me."

"French said he was working for Hargis and Callahan. The suit of clothes I have on came from Hargis's store, and French promised \$50 more."

"French said he was known as the man-eater in Perry county, and while he had never swallowed anybody, he had had some killed."

County attorney Webster addressed the jury vigorously, and said it would be better for the State if Callahan and French were in the penitentiary than for Bowling to be there. He said Hargis was in the plot, but was smart enough to keep a safe distance from the witness bribery scheme.

The jury gave Adams the lowest sentence—one year. George Bowling did not appear when his case was called, and his bond of \$500 was declared forfeited. Alex Hargis is his bondsman.

Adams was before the grand jury several hours, and it is rumored that indictments will be returned against French and Callahan.

J. D. TUGGLE,

LAWYER

BARBOURVILLE, KENTUCKY.

R. D. HILL

Engaged as Attorney For Caleb Powers.

Will Present New Phase of Case.

R. D. Hill, United States District Attorney has been retained as counsel by Caleb Powers, and is now prepping a brief on the one question of whether or not Powers was denied the rights granted him by the Fourteenth amendment to the Constitution, which is: "No State shall deny any person within its jurisdiction an equal protection of the laws."

This is the only question with which Mr. Hill will deal in his brief, which will be used in the Court of Appeals in an effort to secure a new hearing for Powers.

Discussing his part of the case Mr. Hill said: "My contention will be that the acts of the officers who summoned the jury which tried Powers were such as inevitably to result in a jury composed entirely of the defendant's political enemies, and that his acts in that respect denied to the defendant the equal protection of the laws as guaranteed by the last clause, Section 1, of the Fourteenth Amendment."

Mr. Hill said this contention will be the main ground on which Powers will base his claim for a new trial, but that numerous other grounds will be touched upon in his brief, which will be a general review of the records of Powers' last trial at Georgetown.

"We are confident of securing a new hearing for our client," said Mr. Hill. "We feel that under the Constitution of the State he is entitled to it and believe the Court of Appeals will see the case in its true light, and as we see it."—Lexington Leader.

Hanna Estate Valued

At \$3,000,000.

The will of the late Marcus A. Hanna was filed for probate in Cleveland last Tuesday.

One-third of the estate is bequeathed to his wife and the remaining two-thirds divided between his three children; Dan R. Hanna, Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. McCormick. Nothing was left to charity. Mrs. Hanna, Dan R. and L. C. Hanna are named as the trustees.

The estate is valued at \$3,000,000.

New Telephone Company.

Messrs. H. C. Faulkner and John Woodward are stockholders in the new telephone company that is soon to begin active work in the construction of its lines through Clay and Leslie counties to connect Manchester and Hyden with this city. An exchange will be put in at Manchester and branch lines will extend to points in Clay and Leslie counties. Mr. Woodward, of the Camp Ground Telephone Co., will be the general manager. Men will be put to work as soon as the weather will permit, erecting poles, and a double line will be built.

Violating the Sabbath.

Some of the pumpers for the Blue Grass Oil and Gas Company were arraigned in the County Court last Saturday charged with violating the Sabbath by operating their pumping machinery on Sunday. They were fined and instructed not to repeat the offense again.

THE GRIM REAPER

Invades Our Town and Plucks One of Our Citizens.

Mrs. Lillie Tye Powell Called to Her Final Reward.

Death has all seasons for its work and is no respecter of persons. The high and low are alike cut down when the grim reaper with the sickle of death appears and there is no remedy but to bow submissively to the will of an Alwise God.

Last Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock the spirit of Mrs. Lillie Tye Powell was released from the tenement of clay and took its flight to the unknown beyond and nothing was left but the mortal body to the sorrowing family and friends. Although death was not expected to those who had kept vigil about the bedside, yet when the final summons came no one seemed prepared for it.

For several weeks she had lingered upon a bed of suffering with that always fatal disease—consumption, but through it all she seemed to be resigned to the will of the Master and ready to answer the summons when the call should come to her to bid adieu to earth and friends and cross over the dark river from whence no traveler ever returns.

Funeral services were conducted at the Christian church this morning, after which the remains were gently bourn to their last resting place and laid to rest in our beautiful city of the dead to await the coming of the Lord when he shall appear in glory and all the righteous shall be called forth.

The ADVOCATE extends sympathy to the family and friends in this hour of sore bereavement and can only say to them God's Will be done.

Mrs. Lucretia Miller.

Frank Letcher, of this office, was called by wire last Friday afternoon to Four Mile, on account of the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lucretia Miller, who died last Friday morning at the advanced age of ninety-six years. Mrs. Miller was, at the time of her death, perhaps the oldest woman in Bell county, and was honored and respected by all who knew her. The remains were interred in the Hendrickson burying ground beside those of her sister, Mrs. Damie Hendrickson.

Marriages.

Last Sunday evening at 6 o'clock p. m., at Bertha, Mr. S. J. Gilliam and Miss Helen Frost, at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. Terhune, of the Presbyterian church, officiating.

The maid of honor was Miss Sarah E. Jones, while Mr. John W. Hughes was best man.

The bride was gowned in white and a bridal veil, while the groom was dressed in the conventional black.

Supper was served at the home of the bride to the invited guests, after which the bridal party left on the midnight train for the home of the groom at Corbin.

In London last Monday, February 22, Miss Julia F. Williams, of that city, and Mr. Charles A. Lord, of Washington, D. C., were united in the holy bonds of wedlock in the presence of a large gathering of friends at the M. E. church, Rev. G. N. Jolly, of this city, officiating.

For Sale Privately.

My Residence on Depot street, frame 1½ story cottage with about ¼-acre lot attached. Cheap for cash. Call on LEE SCALE, 2 26 tf. Barbourville, Ky.

HON. CALEB POWERS

Writes A Letter of Congratulation to the Editor of The Advocate.

The following letter was received by us yesterday morning and we take the liberty to publish it in full which is as follows: LOUISVILLE, KY., Feb. 24, 1904.

D. W. CLARK, Esq.

Editor, Mountain Advocate. Barbourville, Ky.

My Dear Sir:—

The first issue of the ADVOCATE has been received. Let me congratulate you upon the establishment of what I know will be a successful paper. I know your merits and fighting qualities.

You have loyally and ably defended my cause, since my troubles began; and that, too, where the contest has been the sharpest and the angry passions the fiercest.

I am glad that you are now living among the people of my home. You will find them a sensible, true, brave and generous people. They have stuck to me like a brother, and made me what little I am. I know that they will not be unkindly to you.

Wishing the ADVOCATE unbounded success,

I am, your friend,

CALEB POWERS.

Kind Words.

We greatly appreciate the many kind words of encouragement we have heard from different ones of the leading citizens of the town and county, and the compliments that have been given our first issue. It would indeed be an ungrateful person who did not appreciate what we have heard, but we want to hold the ADVOCATE up to the high position which it has taken in the estimation of the public, and it shall be our aim to make it better from week to week if possible, instead of going backward. Scores of persons have said to us that "the first issue was far above their expectations, and that it was the best paper ever published in the mountains," and many other nice compliments for which we extend thanks.

State News.

Two big damage suits have been filed at Elizabethtown, Ky., against the Illinois Central and the Louisville & Nashville railroads.

Capt. W. C. Clark, the oldest member of the Kentucky house, is suffering with a severe attack of pneumonia, and is reported as being in a very critical condition.

Russell Brown, a colored barber of Frankfort, has brought suit against Gov. W. S. Taylor to collect a bill of \$30 for shaving mountain guards during the stormy days of 1900. Brown says that Gov. Taylor's body guard was stationed at the Executive Mansion, and that the Governor sent him to shave them and promising to pay him for it.

Dr. D. J. K. Maddox, one of the oldest Baptist ministers in the State, died at his home in Rockport, this week.

Thos. J. Jones, a prominent business man of Greenville, dropped dead in his store last Monday

Considerable damage was done in Letcher county by a recent storm.

An effort is being inaugurated at Danville to secure a Government building.

Rev. J. M. Tolson, a preacher of Wolfe county, is a candidate for jailer.